



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Application Serial No. 09/364,099) Group Art Unit: 1733
Filed: July 30, 1999) Examiner: Knable, G.
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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action ("Office Action") mailed October 7, 2003, the period for reply having been extended for one month by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee filed with this Amendment After Final ("Amendment"), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS begin on page 15 of this paper.

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An attachment follows page 18 of this paper. The attachment includes an Abstract of the Disclosure.

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